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Sir:

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

In a Statement of Reasons for Allowance mailed with the Notice of Allowance dated February 11, 2011, part of the Examiner's Statement deviates from the claim text. For example, the Examiner stated, "Applicant has amended the claims to include a card photographing part with an area equal to the footprint of a card . . . Kaji intentionally lacks a card photographing part that has structures which fix the card in place from all sides . . ." (Statement of Reasons for Allowance, page 2).

Applicant notes, however, that inventions are defined by Applicant's claims. Each claim is considered separately. Each claim is considered as a whole.

Claim 1 recites, inter alia, a card photographing part, the card defining a footprint having a first dimension and a second dimension perpendicular to the first dimension, the card photographing part including an area having a dimension equal to the first dimension, a first structure opposing a first side of the area, a second structure opposing a second

side of the area, the second side being opposite the first side, the first and second structures acting to fix the card in contact with the area.


Claim 12 recites, inter alia, a card photographing part, the card defining a footprint having a first dimension and a second dimension perpendicular to the first dimension, the card photographing part including an area having a dimension equal to the first dimension, a first structure opposing a first side of the area, a second structure opposing a second side of the area, the second side being opposite the first side, the first and second structures acting to fix the card in contact with the area.

Claim 16 recites, inter alia, a card photographing part includes an area having a dimension equal to the first dimension, a first structure opposing a first side of the area, a second structure opposing a second side of the area, the second side being opposite the first side, and step (b) is executed at a time when the first and second structures act to fix the card in contact with the area

Claim 20 recites, inter alia, a storage medium that is readable by a processor of a card identifying apparatus and stores an identifying program, the identifying program making the processor to execute steps of photographing the design of the card by using an image sensor and obtaining a photographic signal, wherein the card defines a footprint having a first dimension and step (b) is executed at a time when the first and second structures act to fix the card in contact with the area.

The prior art does not teach or suggest any of the recited interrelations of the recited structures or acts, set forth in any of Applicant's various claims.

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